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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to a final office action mailed October 10, 2003, and an advisory action mailed April 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for entry in the above-identified application.

The response is being filed within the fifth month from the date that a notice of appeal was received by the patent office. Thus, a petition for a three month extension of time is being filed herewith along with the required fee.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

Remarks being on page 6 of this paper.